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Ms. Vicki Hubbard
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW, Room 232
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Ms. Hubbard:

I am writing on behalf of the Cole for Congress campaign (FEC ID C00379735) to provide information fully detailing our decision to amend our first quarter 2003 report, originally filed on April 15, 2003, to correct an accidental administrative error.

In our original report, a reimbursement of the campaign was inadvertently reported as a contribution (line 11(a)) instead of an offset to operating expenditures (line 14). The item in question is a \$1,254.50 reimbursement by John Woods, the campaign manager during the 2002 election and Congressman Cole's district director starting early in January 2003. The reimbursement was for the cost of an airline ticket so Mr. Woods could attend the orientation of newly elected Members of Congress in Washington, D.C in November 2002. The campaign was not aware when the airline ticket was purchased that the U.S. House of Representatives would pay for the flight. At the request of the Clerk of the House, Mr. Woods was given a \$1,254.50 reimbursement from the U.S. Treasury so that he could in turn reimburse Cole for Congress. Upon receiving a check from the U.S. Treasury, Mr. Woods immediately reimbursed Cole for Congress and it is the administrative record of this action we are seeking to clarify today.

As you know, our campaign accountant Ed Anfinson, discussed this matter in detail with you on November 7, 2005. At your suggestion, we are amending the first quarter 2003 report and submitting this explanatory letter. We are very grateful for your willingness to forgo requiring us to amend every subsequent report because of this inadvertent administrative error.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Anfinson at 703-707-6259 or myself at any time. Thanks again for your wonderful customer service and your willingness to work

with us as we seek to fully disclose our activities and comply with all federal laws and regulations.

Sincerely

Rick Nagel
Treasurer
Cole for Congress